

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1164 – SB 1143

March 20, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Creates a special joint committee to study issues relative to lupus. The committee will consist of three members of the House of Representatives and three members of the Senate to be appointed by the respective Speakers. Requires the Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the 109th General Assembly no later than February 1, 2016, at which time the Committee shall cease to exist.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$2,000/Each One-Day Meeting

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014634): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates a special joint task force to study issues relative to lupus. The Task Force shall consist of the following: the Commissioners of Health; Labor and Workforce Development; and Commerce and Insurance; the Chancellor of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, or the Chancellor's designee; the Director of TennCare, or the Director's designee; and three representatives, one from each Grand Division of the state, from advocacy groups for patients living with lupus that shall be appointed by the Governor. Requires one of the three Governor-appointed members to represent an advocacy group dedicated to reducing racial and ethnic disparities related to lupus.

The Task Force shall be attached to the Department of Health (DOH) for administrative purposes, and all Task Force costs shall be borne by DOH within existing resources. Prohibits the Task Force members from receiving compensation. Authorizes the Task Force to conduct meetings and other business via video, telecommunications, or other electronic means of communication. Requires the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Chair of the House Health Committee and to the Chair of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee no later than February 1, 2017, at which time the Task Force shall cease to exist.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The bill as amended specifically authorizes the Task Force to conduct meetings and other business via video, telecommunications, or other electronic means of communication. It is assumed the advocacy group representatives will participate electronically; therefore, no travel reimbursement will be provided.
- Any cost for the Department of Health to provide administrative support to the Committee is estimated to be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.
- Any cost for the Committee to submit the required report to the appropriate committees is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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